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The King Cancels Public Engagements For 4 Weeks Doctors Say Complete Rest Is Needed

London, June 4.
King George has cancelled all public engagements for at least four weeks and is to have a period of complete rest, it was announced here tonight.
The catarrhal inflammation in the King's lung has not entirely disappeared though his general condition has improved, an announcement from Buckingham Palace said.
King Haakon of Norway who arrives here tomorrow on a State visit, will be met by King George's brother, the Duke of Gloucester.
At the official dinner of welcome in Buckingham Palace tomorrow night the King's speech will be read by his daughter, Princess Elizabeth.

Close Voting In Elections

Palermo, Sicily, June 4.
Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi's Christian Democrat Party and his strong Communist bloc opposition were fighting out a ding-dong ballot battle for control of Sicily's regional assembly tonight, almost even on votes.

At the half-way mark in the vote count, De Gasperi's government majority party had caught up within a few score votes of the Communist-Socialist left combination which had earlier taken the lead.

With unofficial votes of 1,600 of the island's 3,827 districts tabulated, the leftist bloc had 339,729 to the Christian Democrats' 339,534.

The Christian Democrats had forged into a clear lead in the major cities of Palermo, Catania and Messina but the Communist vote was higher in the smaller provinces.—Associated Press.

Ramzan Begins

Cairo, June 4.
Ramzan, Moslem Holy Month, during which all the faithful abstain from eating, drinking and smoking from sunrise to sunset, began here tonight.
The start of the fast was announced after the new moon ushering in the Moslem calendar month had been sighted by religious leaders from the Mokattam hills overlooking Cairo.—Reuters.

Theseus Home With Trophy



UN Soviet Bloc Reject Cease-Fire Proposal

United Nations, June 4.
The leading spokesman for the Soviet bloc at the United Nations tonight rejected the idea of a Korean cease-fire divorced from other issues.

Dr Julius Katz-Suchy, chief Polish delegate, re-stated in roundabout language the Communists' long-standing policy that there can be no cease-fire unless this is tied in with negotiations on other Far Eastern issues, presumably including Formosa and China's United Nations membership.

It was the first Communist answer—a firm "no!"—to the recent flood of suggestions by top American officials for a Korean cease-fire without reference to other Oriental problems. It was impossible to know how accurately the Polish diplomat reflected the latest trend of thought in Moscow, not to mention Peking. However, in his five years at the United Nations, the strident-

The light fleet carrier, HMS Theseus arrived at Portsmouth recently at the end of her voyage from Korea. Watched by some of the flyers, Lt-Cdr Gordon Smith, DSC, inspects the Boyd Trophy which was presented to the vessel for outstanding flying and maintenance. Lord Fraser presented the trophy aboard the Theseus.

Russia's Big 'IF' Proposal

Paris, June 4.
Russia agreed today to hold a Foreign Ministers' meeting in Washington—but added an "if" so big that Western diplomats said it amounted to a rejection.

A Soviet note, handed to the Deputy Foreign Ministers of the United States, Britain and France in Paris, said Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vyshinsky would go to Washington "without delay" for a Big Four meeting on the condition that the Ministers discuss the North Atlantic Pact and US bases in Europe.

The Four Deputies have been meeting here for 15 weeks trying to write an agenda for the Foreign Ministers. They have been deadlocked on whether the agenda should include Western defence preparations.

The note presented to the West today by Soviet Deputy Andrei Gromyko made it clear that Russia is not backing down on her insistence that the questions be included.

Western delegates promptly told Gromyko they would forward his note to their governments, but that it "amounts to a refusal of the Soviet government" to attend the Foreign Ministers' conference.

The Soviet note was in reply to identical American, British and French notes sent to Mr Vyshinsky last week. The notes suggested that the Big Four Ministers meet in Washington on July 23 in the interest of strengthening peace, which is the "constant objective of the foreign policy" of the three Western powers.

The Western powers said an agreement would have been reached already on an agenda "if the Soviet delegate had not insisted" that the agenda include discussion of the North Atlantic Pact and US bases overseas.—Associated Press.

DETAINED WOMAN HAD VITAL MAP

Bordeaux, June 4.
A map showing American military installations in France was found on a Czech woman, Vera Strobil, aged 27, when she was detained at Blaye, on the Gironde Estuary near Bordeaux. She had gone to register at an alien camp near the supply dump where American military stores are landed at Bordeaux for transit to Germany.—Reuters.

More Hopeful Development In Oil Crisis

OPTIMISM EXPRESSED BY DIPLOMATS

Teheran, June 4.

The Prime Minister, Dr Mohammed Mosaddegh, and the Iranian Oil Commission Board have decided to delay indefinitely the actual taking over of the nationalised oil industry pending discussions with the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, reliable sources said tonight. Top-flight diplomatic sources—Iranian, British and American—were more optimistic concerning peaceful settlement of the oil crisis than at any time since the dispute began.

The three-man Board had been scheduled to go to the oilfields this week and take over management from the Company directors. The agreement of AIOC to send a Commission here was received with great satisfaction and most likely will avert such a step.

There were unconfirmed reports today that two persons were killed in rioting in South Iran, in the vicinity of the oilfields, with Moslem fanatics attacking Catholic churches, but the situation in general was very calm.

In Teheran the police interrogated the man considered to be the chief terrorist in Iran, Navad Seyed Safavi, head of the fanatical Fidayan Islam sect. Safavi was arrested on the street last night after a five-year search.

He is accused of having ordered at least four murders by his triggermen including that of the late Premier, General Ali Razmara. Safavi, who had threatened to put his political enemies on the "line to hell" was not disturbed and said: "I'll get out of here within 24 hours. Allah Akbar (God is great)."

There were still serious problems on the horizon, however. All Iranian quarters were "inclined" to view the AIOC note agreeing to send a delegation here as recognition that nationalisation is a fait accompli. Many diplomats thought that Iran, after discussions with the Company delegation, would be prepared to see a British Government mission but solely to arrange contracts for oil purchases. It was understood Dr Mosaddegh's concession is that the AIOC delegation will assist in implementing nationalisation.

The major factor influencing the Premier's and Shah's desire for a speedy solution was the urgency of the nation's financial position. The Company has not paid supplemental royalties to Iran since March and Company payments have been the nation's principal source of foreign exchange.—United Press.

SOMETHING IN SIGHT

London, June 4.
The British-Persian oil dispute is at last moving to a point where practical negotiations are in sight, observers believed today.

Today's principal development was a statement to the House of Commons by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, that the Government fully supported the proposal of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company to send a mission to Teheran to discuss all nationalisation issues with the Persian Government.

At the same time Mr Morrison warned that the Government could not accept the Persian contention that the dispute was solely between the Persian Government and the company.

The British Government had every right to intervene in the matter, he told the House. The fact had been stressed that the Government was a majority shareholder in the company. Political observers in London thought that it would be advantageous if Lord Altonbrook and Sir Thomas Gardiner, the two Government nominees on the Board of the oil company, became members of the mission. This would enable the negotiations to start on a responsible level without the Persian Government having publicly to abandon its stand that the dispute was only one between the Persian Government and the company.—Reuters.

Reds Still Fighting Hard

(From Cyril Aynsley)

Korea Front, June 4.
Although the Chinese Communists suffered a battering during the last week in May their forces are showing determined resistance to the present United Nations' general forward movement.

This is in spite of the fact that there is no suggestion so far that the enemy line of resistance has been encountered.

Each day it is the same story—"delaying action on the part of the enemy." But these delaying actions are extremely militant in nature. And they are leading to some of the bitterest fighting yet encountered.

The enemy will only give up ground under heavy artillery barrages and air attack. They continue to fight, if not fanatically, at least without regard to the odds.

A tank task force reported casualties from anti-tank guns this morning, and an infantry report told of close in-fighting at grenade-throwing range.

Most stubborn resistance is being met between the two flanks of the central front, suggesting that the enemy is attempting to protect his supply base to the north.

With artillery and air support the UN troops are slowly grinding down the enemy and making limited gains. But it is a slogging, slow-gear task.—London Express Service.

AGGRESSION DEFINED

Geneva, June 4.

The International Law Commission of the United Nations reached agreement today on a tentative first draft of a definition of aggression. The definition had been requested by the General Assembly.

The definition: "Aggression is the use of force by a state or government against another state or government, in any manner, whatever the weapons used and whether openly or otherwise, for any reason or for any purpose other than individual or collective self-defence, or pursuant to a decision, or recommendation by a competent organ of the United Nations." The definition was reached after many hours of word-juggling and consideration of armed conflict, going back to the American Civil War. It is expected that the present draft will undergo considerable revision before it is sent to the Assembly for approval.—Associated Press.

40-MINUTE TALK

London, June 4.
Mr John Foster Dulles, American Presidential Envoy, and Mr Herbert Morrison, British Foreign Secretary, talked, for 40 minutes today on a proposed Japanese peace treaty.

Their talk, attended by senior officials, was mainly concerned with which Chinese Government, the Nationalist or the Communist, if either, should be asked to sign the treaty, and with the future of Formosa.—Reuters.

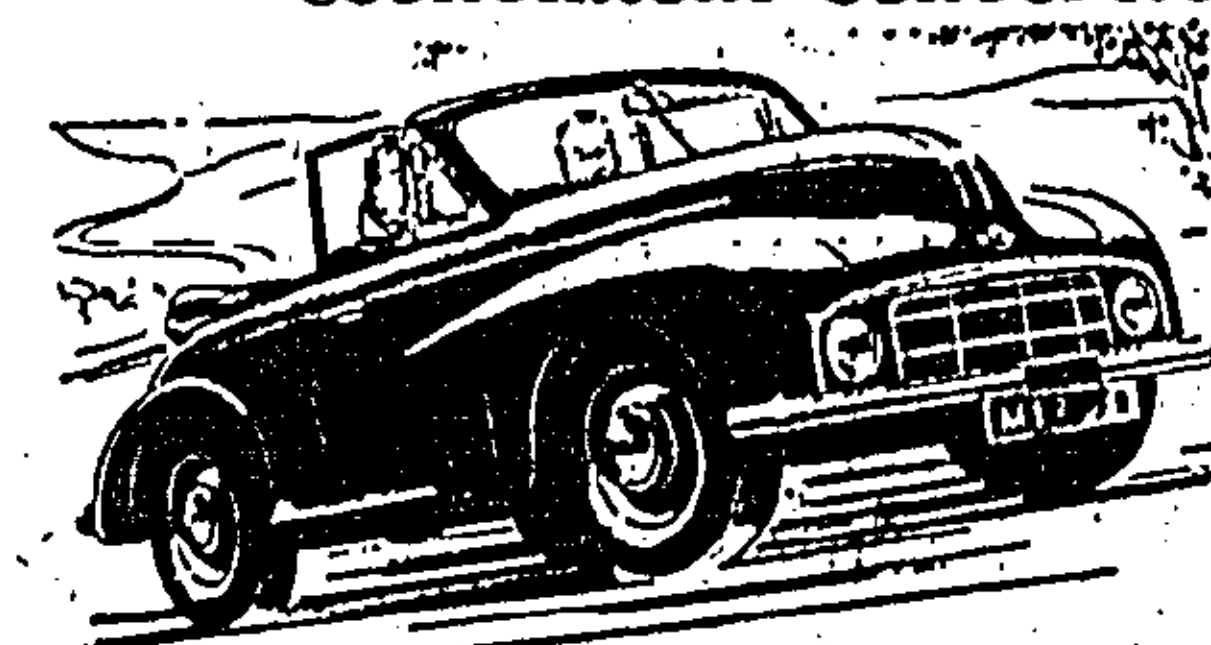
COMMENT OF THE DAY

New Armistice Overtures

THE initiative credited to Britain in the belief that the moment is opportune for further armistice overtures to Peking crystallises a feeling strongly held. If, in view of the staggering setbacks suffered by the Chinese Communists in Korea over the past few weeks, this is not a time well chosen for a new attempt to drive a cease-fire bargain, along roughly the line now, more or less stabilised, there can be no reliance on Peking's ability at any time to use her own judgment. No enticements need be countenanced. The military situation provides all the inducements necessary to achieve a commonsense arrangement, without compelling such an abject loss of Peking face that an armistice could not be regarded as less than unconditional surrender. The decision naturally rests with the Communists, but there is nothing to prohibit the Allies from making the first move. The unfortunate thing from the Allied viewpoint is the absence of the slightest indication of the probable Peking response. Diplomacy has seldom revealed so concretely the basic differences between the democratic system and totalitarianism. In Washington for three weeks the whole gamut of American thinking (and much of the British) on Far East political subjects has been rehearsed in public. The aggressors can see just what America desires, what she hopes and what she fears, what are her sensitive spots, and what are the best cards to play against her. More, her agreements with and differences from Great Britain have been dragged into the limelight, instructing Russia and China on what strings they must harp in order to create disharmony between the Western Powers. How little, conversely, we know of Peking's aims and calculations. China, without fleet or air force worth mentioning, has thrown against troops with the most modern equipment a horde of drilled peasants, armed with little but mortars and machine-guns, and a

minimum of transport to munition even those. Though in the first onrush, surprise and numbers gave them disturbing success, the Chinese have ever since suffered the most terribly one-sided battering. The casualty toll runs into hundreds of thousands. So much we know; but if we seek the why of it all, neither the Chinese nor the Russians give away a word. We do not know, definitely, whether China intervened on her own account (she had little motive to do so) or whether her move precluded one by Russia. We do not know whether Russia's co-operation, were it promised, depended on any or what conditions. It is impossible to assert whether the masses of Chinese, bombed from the air and battered by artillery, are driven into battle to satisfy the ambition of the Mao Tse-tungs, or whether they are filling a part in a deep-laid Russian plan, whereby China draws the enemy's fire and confuses his dispositions, in order that at a self-determined date Russia may step in for a bid for world domination. It is possible (though not easy) to imagine the Peking leaders sacrificing all these men although Russia had given no pledge of reward. But (when we are thinking in terms of a cease-fire) it is worth noting that had such a pledge been given, its execution could hardly be dated before June at earliest since the Russian climate precludes mobility in the Spring months. No conclusion, therefore, can be drawn from Russia's acquiescence so far. It is then obvious, for that reason, that if a peace move is to be attempted, ignoring Russia, the step must be taken quickly. If the Communists are ready for peace, the approach moment has been correctly gauged. If it is to prove as futile as earlier ventures of similar design, the sooner the knowledge penetrates the better. The signal will brook of no misunderstanding. It will stress that the Western Powers must stand firm together—and accelerate their defences.

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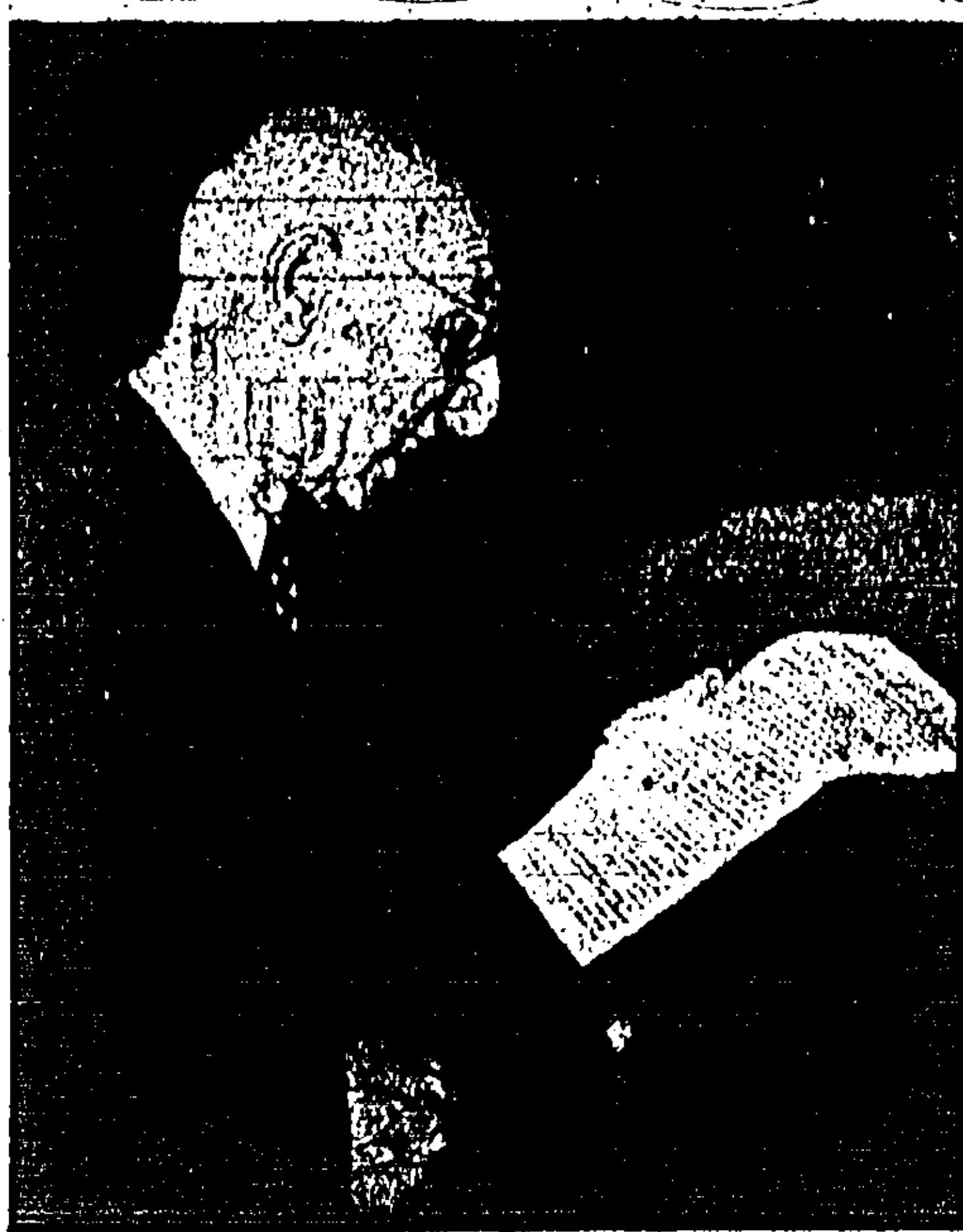
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CRYING PREMIER IN TEHERAN



A tear rolls down the cheek of Premier Mossadeq of Persia as he reads a statement blaming the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company for poverty in Persia. Speaking at a Press conference, the Premier said Persia would fight if Britain resisted oil nationalisation.—AP Photo.

Fate Of The "Landsberg Seven" Still Undecided

Washington, June 4. The Federal Court of Appeals here today denied the request of seven condemned Nazi war criminals for a further stay of execution.

The decision leaves Mr John McCloy, United States High Commissioner in Germany free to go ahead with the long postponed executions of the condemned men at any time.

Government officials here indicated, however, that the executions will be postponed for at least 24 hours to give the Nazis a third chance to try to get the United States Supreme Court to intervene. Meanwhile, attorney Warren Magee prepared to make the final bid for the lives of the seven condemned Nazi war criminals on Tuesday amid the indication that they may have only 24 hours more to live. Magee's request for a new stay of execution for the Landsberg prisoners was denied today by the Federal Court of Appeals here. The Court also dismissed a lower court injunction cutting away any legal barriers to the hangings of the former SS officers.

But a Government spokesman said that High Commissioner John McCloy will not be ordered to proceed with the executions at once. Robert Ginnane, special assistant to the Attorney General, said Magee would be given reasonable time to appeal to the Supreme Court for a new stay of execution. He said, "We are not gunners."

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Mr Ginnane did not say how long the reasonable time is, in the opinion of the Government. But he pointed out that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is available for appointment with Magee at any time. He said, "If Magee wants to see the Chief Justice I think he can accomplish it in 24 hours." The aggressive, fast-talking Counsel for the doomed men said he would go to the Supreme Court at the first opportunity.

In his interview with the Justice of the Supreme Court, Magee will ask for a new stay of execution so he can argue his case. If such a stay is granted, the High Court may not get around to hearing the case until its autumn session beginning in October. If his appeal is denied, Government officials indicated that the seven men in the Landsberg prison will die within a matter of hours.

Magee told the United Press after the Court of Appeals dismissed his motion today: "I will not give up the fight for these men." He said he would approach the Supreme Court at the first opportunity in an effort to get a new hearing on the case.

Magee was visibly disappointed when the Federal Court refused him a full-scale hearing. He said the 40 minutes he had to argue for his motion for an extension of the stay of execution was hardly adequate to cover the case. — United Press.

Halfa, June 4. Two thousand Jewish immigrants from Rumania and Yugoslavia arrived here today—Halfa port's busiest day for a long time.—Associated Press.

ACHESON'S SPECULATION ON POSSIBLE END TO KOREAN WAR
Secretary Of State On The Yalta Agreement

Washington, June 4. Secretary of State Dean Acheson testified today that it does not make any difference to the United States exactly where the fighting ends in Korea.

He told the Senate MacArthur committee: "The point is this: Is a settlement going to be and/or is it not going to be made where the Chinese will not have the will and desire to come back in and fight again?"

Mr Acheson's observations on a possible end of the Korean war came after he gave the committee a full-fledged review of United States China policy since 1945.

The highlight of this review was his charge that inept leadership and lack of will to fight—rather than the Yalta agreement—caused Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists to lose China to Communism.

Mr Acheson testified: "It is highly probable that Russia has agreed to come to Communist China's aid if the Korean war is expanded by bombing of the Manchurian railway."

The Peking-Moscow mutual aid treaty was such that the Kremlin would have opportunity of intervening in case of any extension of war to China's mainland. Fear of Russian entry into the war, signalling the start of World War III, has been the corner-stone of Administration opposition to General MacArthur's demand for expansion of the Korean war.

Mr Acheson said MacArthur's proposals for carrying the war to the Chinese would undoubtedly have meant bombing of railway terminals on part of the Manchurian railway system in which the Russians have treaty rights. His comment regarding the Manchurian railway showed that he believed that the Russians and the Chinese Reds had laid down concrete terms on when and how Moscow might come in.

Senator Brian McMahon told Mr Acheson today that records of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, dating back to V-J Day, showed that neither Republicans nor Democrats criticized the United States China policy. Senator McMahon said he would ask the MacArthur Committee later to make these records public.

The Committee listened to Mr Acheson for five hours and 30 minutes and will hear him again at 1400 GMT on Tuesday.

YALTA EXPLAINED
Mr Acheson said concessions were made to the Russians at Yalta because of the grave danger that they would wait until the United States had spent its strength defeating Japan and then come in and do what they wished.

Mr Acheson also told the investigators that military leaders at that time anticipated a very bloody and terrible battle in attacking the homeland islands of Japan and it was of the utmost importance that the Russians should come into the war in the Far East in time.

In return for entering the war against Japan, Russia under the 1945 Yalta agreement won the southern half of Sakhalin and the restoration of her former rights in Port Arthur and Dairen, Manchuria, and of her former interest in two Manchurian railways.

Republican critics of the Administration have called the agreement a "sell-out" of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Chinese by the Government of the United States.

In his third day before the Senate committee investigating the dismissal of General MacArthur from the Supreme Command in the Far East, Mr Acheson put on a fighting defence of American China policy dating back to 1945.

LITTLE DOUBT?
On the Yalta agreement, the Secretary of State said: "Now, there was very little doubt that (the Russians) would come in (into Far Eastern territory), but the grave danger was they would really wait until the war

was over and until we had spent our effort and blood to win the war, and they would then come in and do what they wished."

Besides, he added, the late President Roosevelt did not give the Russians anything at Yalta that they could not have taken for themselves anyway. The Secretary of State declared: "Unquestionably the Russians had it in their power not only to take what was conceded to them but much more besides."

Mr Acheson pointed out that in early 1945 when Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill met at Yalta, the United States still did not know whether it would be able to explode the atomic bomb, whose later use brought about an early end of the war.

Mr Acheson said: "It was then the military opinion, concurred in by everyone, that the reduction of Japan would have to be brought about by a large-scale landing on the islands of Japan, and the forecast of that fighting, which came from the fighting on other islands in the Pacific, indicated it would be a very bloody and terrible battle."

He then cited the grave danger that Russia would hold off until it suited her own purpose, and added: "It was very important in the view of the military people and others, too, present that they should come in in time so that none of the 700,000 Japanese troops in Manchuria and none of the 1,235,000 Japanese troops in China would come back to strengthen the troops on the main islands of Japan."

THE PRICE
Mr Acheson said the concessions to Russia at Yalta comprised the "price" paid for her agreement to enter the war against Japan three months after the end of the war in Europe.

In August 1945 the United States dropped two atomic bombs on Japan, and the Japanese promptly surrendered. Critics of the Administration have contended that Russia's help was not needed and that the Yalta agreement gave her a hold on China that helped pave the way for the overthrow of the Nationalist government.

Mr Acheson said Russia's claim to the rights granted her at Yalta was similar to the claims of the Chinese toward the Japanese. The Japanese had lost theirs to the Russians by the war in 1904, as the Chinese had lost theirs to the Japanese by the war of 1895. When the Russians made their claim they were emphatic in saying the Kremlin had the ability to move into the Far East at will.

There was very little likelihood that anybody would have the will and few people could have the power to throw them out of any area on the mainland which they might occupy and where they might wish to remain.

He added: "So this agreement gave them a basis for a legal claim to something considerably less than what they might have taken without legal claim."

VIGOROUS DEFENCE
Mr Acheson defended vigorously United States efforts during and immediately after the war to harmonise differences between the Nationalists and Communists in China—a policy bitterly attacked by many Republicans.

Mr Acheson said this effort was approved by Chiang Kai-shek, who at that time regarded the differences between the two groups as political problems that should be solved by political means.

Mr Acheson said: "A very large part of the Communist armed forces were immobilised so far as the war against Japan was concerned because they stood facing each other and manoeuvring against one another. It was the effort of our Government throughout the war period to try and reach some kind of arrangement so that these two forces instead of watching one another would both fight the Japanese."

The Secretary of State said the Chinese Nationalist leaders regarded their treaty with Russia based on the Yalta agreement as valuable because it provided for the Russian evacuation of Manchuria, the recognition of the Nationalist government, and Soviet help in re-establishing Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria.

At the same time, he said, it was deemed important to get the Japanese out of China, and this action depended on averting civil war. Hence peace was the major objective of both the Chinese and American governments.

MARSHALL MISSION
In the light of that situation, Mr Acheson said, President Truman asked General George Marshall, now Defence Secretary, to undertake his mission to China at the end of 1945. The then Secretary of State, James Byrnes, offered a proposed set of instructions which General Marshall disapproved, and new ones were drafted.

The Nationalists and Communists negotiated three agreements in January and February 1946, Mr Acheson said, but General Marshall participated in only one—that calling for the end of fighting between the rival regimes. The other agreements provided for government and military reorganisation.

The Secretary of State reminded the Senators that agreement to end the fighting between the Nationalists and Communists broke down and that American mediation efforts ended when General Marshall left China in 1947.

Mr Acheson's long historical review of China policy also hit back at critics who have said that the withdrawal of American aid speeded Chiang's fall to the Communists on the Chinese mainland. The Secretary of State said American aid alone is not enough to keep a government in power or to save it from aggression.

REAL COLLAPSE
Mr Acheson said the Nationalists reached their peak in 1946 but General Marshall expected they would be overextended both politically and militarily because they did not have civil administrators to govern or troops to garrison the areas they had taken.

The result was, he said, that the Nationalist armies became immobilised, leaving the initiative and power of manoeuvre to the United States.

The troops at the end of the line, he said, again and again went over to the Communists. Mr Acheson then traced developments through the Wedemeyer mission to China in 1947, the China aid programme that

Did Not Know About Bomb

Washington, June 4. The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, continuing his testimony before the Joint Committee of the Senate today, said the United States did not know at the time it signed the 1945 Yalta Agreement whether the atomic bomb could be produced successfully. "It was not proved until several months later that we had one and it was not used until considerably later," he declared.—Reuter.

Royal Visit To Ulster Big Success

Belfast, June 4. The Queen and Princess Margaret concluded their visit to Northern Ireland today and left by plane to return to London.

Everywhere they have been given a tremendous reception. Cheering crowds today lined the 15-mile route from Government House to the aerodrome. Villagers sang "Will ye no come back again" as the Royal party passed by.

At the aerodrome, the Governor of Northern Ireland, Viscount the Earl of Granville—the Queen's brother-in-law—headed the farewell party. At the same time as the plane took off, 13 Irish Republican Army suspects who had been held under lock and key for the six days the Royal visit lasted were released.

The police are convinced that by detaining them they averted plans for attacks with explosives on public buildings and bridges, timed to take place before Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret arrived in the city.

It is not considered that there were any plans for direct attacks on the Queen or Princess Margaret. The 13 men were detained last Tuesday under special powers held by the police. They were believed to be members of the terrorist organisation in question.—Reuter.

followed and what he called the real military collapse of the Chinese government late in 1949.

Mr Acheson quoted a Feb. 1, 1949 United States Army intelligence report which said the strength of the Nationalist army was reduced by 46 per cent in a period of four and a half months and that the Communists were in a position to gain complete victory.

BIPARTISAN POLICY
Mr Acheson believed bipartisan agreement existed in United States policies relating to the Philippines, Japan and all Southeast Asia except China.

Senator Brian McMahon (Democrat), interrogating Mr Acheson, said: "There has been a good deal of discussion from time to time on the floor of the Senate concerning the fact that we have not had a united foreign policy on the Far East, whereas we have had one in other areas of the world."

"As far as you recollect, Mr Secretary, has there been any difference of opinion conveyed to you in your official capacities as to our policy in regard to the Philippines?"

Mr Acheson: "I should think we are quite united on that." Senator McMahon then asked if this were true for Japan.

Mr Acheson: "Yes, sir. We fortunately have complete agreement as I understand on that." He gave a similar reply to questions about the Dutch East Indies, Indo-China and the Malay States.

"Now, however," continued Senator McMahon, "it is alleged there is a difference of opinion and has been in regard to China and more particularly with regard to Chiang Kai-shek. I would hazard a guess that you would agree to that after listening here today."

Mr Acheson: "Yes, sir. I think exactly there has been." —United Press.

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Indian Red Boss Resigns

Bombay, June 4.

The Indian Communist Party announced today the resignation of its General Secretary, Rajeshwar Rao.

Mr Rao gave no reasons for his resignation, but a Party spokesman said that it might be due to differences with other party leaders over a 30-point draft programme for economic, industrial and agrarian reform throughout the country.

Mr Rao, who has held the post since last year, when he succeeded Mr B. T. Ranadive, who was removed from the job, will have no successor for the job for the present.

A statement from the Communist Party Headquarters said that the Politbureau would function as the Secretariat of the Central Committee of the Party.

The statement added that the party would convene as early as possible an all-Indian conference to make more concrete the political guidance given in the draft programme and to make the necessary changes in the central leadership of the party.

The party also reported the decision to contest the forthcoming general elections and demanded the removal of the ban and restrictions imposed on it by the Government.

The party, which eschewed violent activities under the leadership of Mr Rao, has not been in the limelight since last year. Mysterious developments have been taking place within its ranks and the real position of the party is unknown to the public.—Reuter.

The Indian Communist Party today announced that it would participate in the November elections and planned to hold a Party conference as soon as possible to map out a programme.—United Press.

Won't Suffer Catastrophe

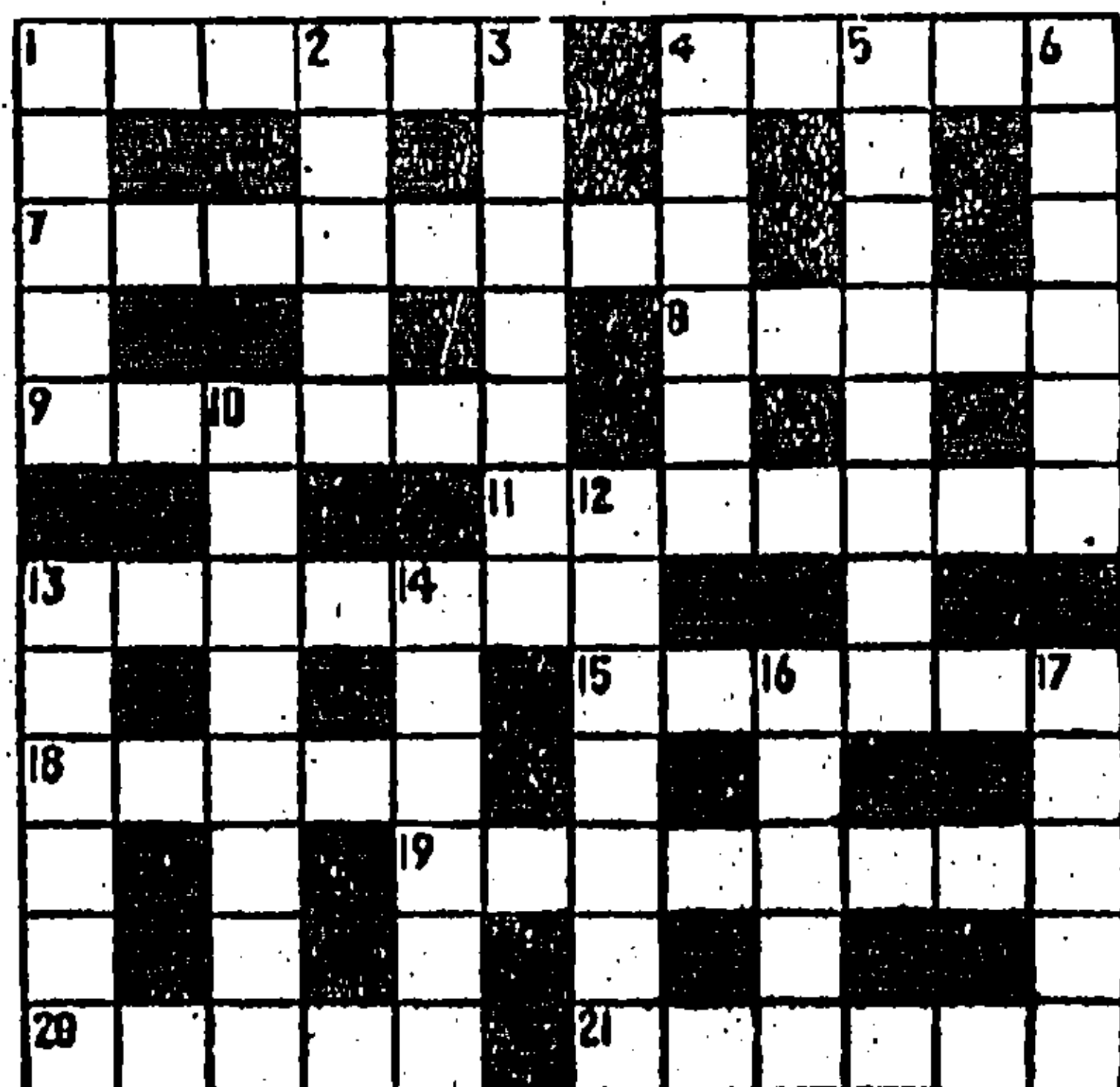
London, June 4.

The Indian High Commissioner, Mr Krishna Menon, said today that there was no catastrophic food shortage in India and the Government would overcome the scarcity of food, even without additional supplies from the United States.

He told a Press conference: "There is no condition in India today comparable to the Bengal famine of 1943. The Government is gravely concerned but there is no question of a catastrophe. The Government will not permit a condition to arise in which people die of starvation."

India's food deficit for 1951 was between four and five million tons, he said. "The Government has already procured 3,700,000 tons of which 2,500,000 have been delivered."—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Narrative poem (6).
 - Headquarters of regiment (5).
 - Joyful (8).
 - Tolerant (6).
 - Diminish (6).
 - Ingredient (7).
 - Go before (7).
 - Shall hole (6).
 - Carrot (5).
 - Stirrer to equal (8).
 - Plays (5).
 - Last (6).
- DOWN**
- Scene of confusion (5).
 - Rolls (6).
 - Described accurately (7).
 - Swell (6).
 - Contribute (6).
 - Special aptitude (6).
 - Protests (6).
 - Reprieve (7).
 - Calen (6).
 - Surplus (6).
 - Decision (5).
 - Crest (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Apex, 4 Abusive, 8 Lime, 9 Meme, 10 Adulate, 11 Mute, 12 Kelp, 14 Seattle, 17 Erase, 19 Trace, 22 Peasants, 26 Omen, 28 Pipe, 29 Bivalve, 30 Mask, 31 Rode, 32 Flavour, 33 Dual, Down: 2 Prefor, 3 Slumps, 4 Answer, 6 Back, 8 Split, 7 Vital, 12 Keep, 13 Lane, 15 Twin, 16 Bury, 18 Rapture, 20 Rejoiced, 21 Canada, 23 Annual, 24 Treat, 25 Balm.

Doubled Within The Next Year

ESTIMATE BY OFFICIAL RAF PUBLICATION

London, June 4.

The Royal Air Force Review estimated today that the Russian Air Force has 10,000 planes, about half of them fighters.

And in another year, the official publication of the RAF said, Western intelligence experts believe Russia will add another 10,000 frontline fighters and bombers of jet design to its air fleet.

It estimated Russia would be able to put "30,000 plus" war planes into the air in 12 more months.

"The current all-out effort is concentrated on the MIG-15, which has used Korea as its proving ground, the Lavochkin 17 and a twin-engined high speed bomber patterned on the Canberra," the Review said in its feature article "Inside the Russian Air Force."

The Canberra is a twin jet, 600-mile-an-hour light bomber which Britain is putting into service soon.

Of the Russian jet Lavochkin 17, the Review said: "The MIG-15 becomes a back number with the recent advent of the Lavochkin, a tube-like single engine fighter bearing a striking resemblance to its elder brother."

"Its appearance indicates that the Russians are now pinning their faith in the sweep-back design and the high tail plane. It is significant also, that as yet Russian designers do not appear to be thinking in terms of a twin jet for fighter and fighter-bomber operations."

"Features of this new aircraft are the thinness of its mainplanes and the 'toning down' of the tail plane design as compared with the MIG."

7,000 BOMBERS

The Review said that Russia has about 7,000 bombers of all types. Subtracting these and the fighters from the 10,000 plane force, that would leave the Russians with about 2,500 transports, reconnaissance and training planes.

The Russian air fleet is divided into four air forces, the Review said, each able to operate independently of the other.

"For operational purposes these air formations are known as fighter defence force, tactical air force, long-range air force and naval air force," the Review said.

"All are controlled jointly by the Ministries of War and Navy. Russia has no Air Ministry, Air Council or Air Staff in the accepted sense. Her counterpart is Chief of Air Staff is a Marshal of Aviation, currently Colonel-General Chigarev, but the operational control and function of the air forces comes under the individual Army Commanders."

The Review said that the fighter defence force, commanded by Premier Josef Stalin's son, Lieutenant-General Vasil Stalini, is based mainly in the West.

ARCTIC DEFENCE

"It is a mobile force equipped with about 1,000 MIG-15 jet fighters and over 1,000 conventional piston-engined fighters, some of which are war-time types."

One of its jobs, said the Review, is to cover the Arctic approaches against over-the-Pole attacks from the West. Its bases stretch from Latvia to Khabarovsk in Manchuria.

The Review said the long-range bomber force is equipped with several hundred Tupolev 70s—the Russian copy of the U. S. B-29 Superfortress.

"A prototype jet bomber has been flying since 1947 but there is as yet no evidence that it is in service," said the Review.

The tactical air force is Russia's biggest, said the Review.

"Equipped with over 10,000 aircraft, it is a virtual aerial 'steamroller' and works in close collaboration with the field armies," it said.

LOWER STANDARDS

Many of its planes are of wartime vintage or piston-engined. It added, however, that replacements are now in production and jet support bombers may soon be in service.

The Review said that the Russian Navy now controls the strategic bombers, adding that the Navy's own aircraft are mostly patrol bomber types, plus a few hundred obsolescent torpedo bombers.

Russia has a formidable training programme for its air force, the Review said, and adds that standards are certainly as high as in the Soviet Union in Western Air Forces.

"Women also continue to be trained for combat and transport duties," the Review said.

The Soviet is now making use of German technical help, said the Review.

"German designers and blueprints are now available to Soviet designers, and with their help advanced types of engines and fighters are being turned out," said the Review.

ROCKET PROPULSION

Russia also is now paying special attention to rocket development.

"Research work there has boosted original Russian thinking about rocket propulsion and Soviet scientists are now working on long-range rockets and guided missiles, but have probably not yet reached the production stage in this field," it added.

It asserted that Russia finished the war five years behind its allies in technical achievement, but is now making an all-out effort to close this gap.

"In strength the Russians have retained the greater part of the force they mustered at the end of the war and have brought it up-to-date," the Review said.—Associated Press.

Suez Issue Discussion

Tel-Aviv, June 4.

It was learned today that a special United Nations Committee would consider Egypt's action of searching all Israeli-bound vessels passing the Suez Canal.

A meeting will be held here on July 12 under the chairmanship of Maj-General William Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff, and will be attended by signatories of the Rhodes agreement of January 1949 and by senior Army officers. Israel will be represented by Mr Walter Eytan, Director-General of the Foreign Office, and General Yigal Yadin, Chief of Staff.

"Diplomatic quarters here believed it likely that if Britain or some other member of the United Nations brought Egypt's 'blockade' tactics to the attention of the Security Council, the latter might refer it to the International Court at the Hague for an advisory opinion."—United Press.

A Victim Of Tear Gas Carried From Meeting



Alleged Plot By Greek Officers

Athens, June 4.

Six high officers, arrested after their Commander-in-Chief, Field-Marshal Alexander Papagos, resigned, were alleged today to have tried to control Athens Radio Station, ordered troops into the city and posted guards on Parliament House.

UN Scheme For Kashmir Rejected

New Delhi, June 4.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, today called the United Nations Security Council move to appoint a mediator in the Kashmir dispute a partisan approach and reiterated that India would not agree to arbitration of the dispute.

Speaking at a public meeting in Srinagar, the Prime Minister said: "It is not possible logically or reasonably to understand this extraordinary partisan approach to a problem which not only ignored the basic issues but also day-to-day happenings and shut its eyes to patent facts."

The Security Council recently voted to appoint the American professor Dr Frank Graham mediator in the long-drawn-out dispute over Kashmir. Mr Nehru said India had stated it would not fight unless attacked, but "meanwhile in Pakistan continuous raging propaganda has been carried on in favour of a Jihad or holy war against India."

"The intransigence of Pakistan has been encouraged by other countries and because of this a peaceful settlement has been made much more difficult than it might otherwise have been."—United Press.

CANBERRA DENIAL

Canberra, June 4.

The Australian Prime Minister, R. G. Menzies, at a Press conference today denied that Australia has agreed to commit armed forces to fight in the Middle East in the event of war. He said, "Reports to this effect have no foundation and are purely imaginary."—United Press.

Royal Honeymoon

Alexandria, June 4.

King Farouk of Egypt and his bride, Queen Nazim, left on a Mediterranean cruise aboard the Royal yacht today.—Reuter.

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He, d'You June 4.

Relatives of Marshal Henri Philippe Petain arrived in this bleak Atlantic island late today to comfort the 88-year-old prisoner in another battle with death.

Petaín, who fought off a severe attack of pneumonia in April, is in a critical state, according to an official bulletin from his doctors. He is serving a life sentence for treason for his role as chief of the Vichy regime under the Nazi occupation.

A stepson and a nephew and niece arrived on the afternoon ferry to join Mme Anne Petain, the Marshal's wife, at a bedside vigil. Pierre de Herin, Mme Petain's son by a former marriage, Louis Gerard, a nephew, and Yvonne de Morcourt, a niece, were the arrivals.

They went immediately to the small hotel where Mme Petain has been living for two years. They left instructions to be summoned to Petain's bedside should he take a sudden turn for the worse.

The bulletin said a slight improvement—noticeable—this morning had persisted throughout the day. He is suffering a recurrence of pneumonia aggravated by heart trouble.—Associated Press.

EFFORTS FAIL

The Prime Minister, M. Sophocles Venizelos, said today that all efforts by the Greek Government to persuade the Field-Marshal to resume his duties as Commander-in-Chief had failed.

He doubted whether Papagos would reconsider his resignation even if the United States Ambassador advised him.

Usually reliable sources said that after Mr Peurifoy had had talks on Saturday with King Paul, M. Venizelos and Field-Marshal Papagos, American diplomacy seemed inclined to adopt the policy of "letting the dust clear."—Reuter.

Mass Burial Of Mine Victims

Easington, June 4.

Eight victims of the Easington colliery disaster were interred today, the second mass burial following last week's underground explosion, which killed 83 miners.

The Yugoslav Ambassador, Dr Jose Brilej, and the Secretary of the Yugoslav Embassy, Mr S. Juznic, representing all Yugoslav miners' trade unions, walked in the funeral procession.

Rescue workers have worked eight through the rubble to the coal face and have recovered three more bodies but 13 have not been found.—Reuter.

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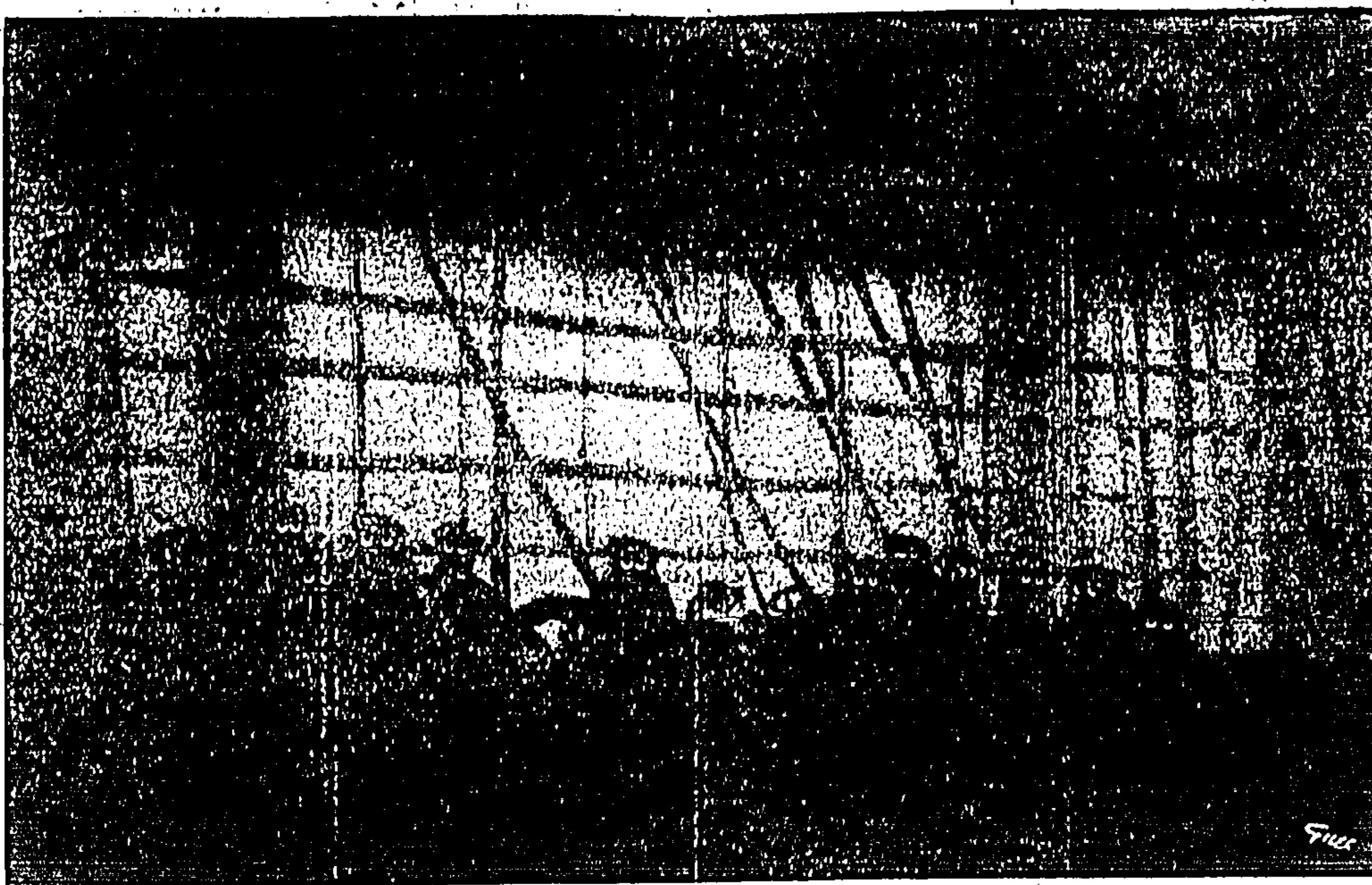
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YOU ARE SENSITIVE

THERE are hundreds of thousands—probably millions—of Americans living in conditions as bad as, and possibly worse than, those in which the British with poor or modest wages live.

I believe that the British at the moment are in a mood of acute sensitivity. If I give them money,

GILES TOUR OF BRITAIN



Owing to a power cut it is impossible to see whether these workers in a Midlands factory are making jokes about the illuminations on the Festival site or not.

London Express Service

DON IDDON'S HOME DIARY

THE last time I saw Birmingham was 16 years ago. I was wished good luck in Fleet Street by my colleagues on the Birmingham Gazette and presented with a silver cigarette-case.

This time I have been wished good luck in Fleet Street and presented with some blunt advice. "Don't judge Britain by London's West End. Don't write exuberant letters to the Editor about Merrie England until you have seen something of how the people live."

I should have been prepared for this stern talk. Ever since I wrote that letter in 1934, I thought, pardonable omniscience about putting out the flags and striking up the bands I have been hounded by housewives.

Seventy-eight wrote to me in hot anger. They said: "Come to Birmingham and have the fat flayed off you. Your letter made me see red. Merrie England be damned! Try living in 104—worth of meat a week. We are being driven frantic by the meat shortage, the housing shortage, the enormous prices."

Housewives right
ONLY one reader, J. H. Wilcox—curiously, from Birmingham itself—said: "Your letter said me, and no doubt many others, a power of good." Only one acquaintance, Tom Driberg, the Labour M.P., whom I saw at the Festival grounds, said: "I liked your letter—it's a change to see the truth in the Tory papers."

So there was obviously something wrong with my first blithe and brash reaction. Now I am touring the cities of Great Britain and writing about them for the great world outside with the same objectivity I try to apply to Chicago or Detroit or San Francisco.

The housewives are, of course, right. They are having a brutal, agonising, heartbreaking time of it. They are worried and harried sick. The meat allotment is monstrous, the prices of almost everything absurdly high. Their regard for victory is blood-chilling sacrifice.

Where the housewives are wrong, however, is in their assumption that everything is opulence and abundance for the American. Almost all my correspondents, and almost all the people I have met, seem to assume that the American housewife has a mountain of meat in her wonder kitchen.

There is a dangerous idea that the American business man and working man are encased in fat and bloated with dollars. It is not so. Meat is so expensive in the United States that the average American often cannot afford it. Steak is eaten only occasionally by the great mass of Americans.

You are sensitive
THERE are hundreds of thousands—probably millions—of Americans living in conditions as bad as, and possibly worse than, those in which the British with poor or modest wages live.

Not, today, with the usual New York dateline, but from BIRMINGHAM

ed words and pay tribute to the vast improvement they say: "Things are terrible." If I say: "Britain is in a mess—I thought you would have had it better than this," they reply: "We have made all sorts of progress."

The British today are angry, and no wonder. After the colossal war effort and the travail for years afterwards they were told "Now we are turning the corner things are going to be better."

Instead there has been a terrible let-down, new demands from a wavering Government, now calls for greater efforts and sacrifices.

But about Birmingham, I called first to see the men I used to work with. H. Ennelt, my editor in the old days, hadn't changed much.

He wasn't grumbling: "It's not so bad as all that. Perhaps people used to eat too much in the past, anyway. Birmingham is prosperous. There's plenty of money about—not that it buys much. There's not a great deal of complaining. The housing shortage is grim, of course," Morley White, editor of the Sunday Mercury, said much the same thing.

Certainly Birmingham looks well—as good as, or better than, when I worked there. It looks solid, stable, safe, and it is better run than the average American city.

The stores are bright and full of shoppers, and the hotel lounges and pubs are doing brisk business.

This is a city of drive, energy, get-up-and-go. I telephoned the Rector of Birmingham, Canon Bryan Green, who was a tremendous success in his sermons and lectures in the United States. He said: "Let's make an early appointment." I said: "Ten o'clock." Mr. Green said: "That's late in Birmingham—meet me for breakfast at eight forty-five."

Revival needed
SO we breakfasted miserably on a salty kipper at my hotel, and the clergyman spoke up: "Only a revival of religion can save Birmingham. Britain, the world. There isn't a revival here like there is in America, but one is coming. Peace is essential for this religious revival, and the revival is essential for peace."

The rector has interesting views on politics and wants to see a return of high morality and integrity in public life. He believes the very poor are worse off in the U.S. than in Britain, and that Anglo-American relations have been botched by blunders here and abroad. I liked him.

I also enjoyed meeting the new Lord Mayor, Alderman R. C. Yates.

The Lord Mayor, tall, distinguished, was a gunner in the first world war and in R.A.F. Balloons in the second. I asked, if he thought Britain would make a come-back, and he said: "We've already made one, despite great difficulties, but there are not enough incentives, and because of

pubs, on carpets in hotels, on waiters' and waitresses' uniforms and dresses. An energetic wash-and-brush-up is needed.

Actually I have found Birmingham people better dressed and better groomed than in most places I have visited.

What about politics? Most people I have met except Tiplaft have seemed puzzled. The British have not much confidence in the Socialists and not much confidence in the Conservatives.

But as certain as Britain is called Great, and is great, the British have limitless confidence in the British themselves.

Footnote—Birmingham, the town of a thousand and one trades, is also the city of a million and one ideas.

TOMORROW: from Manchester.

BRITON-FROM-THE-RANKS

SHOWS U.S. HOW

From FREDERICK COOK

New York, He told me: "I called in the leaders of the union, and told them how I started out at 13 and came up from the ranks. They liked that."

A calm, reasoned approach to the problems, quickly led to a two-year contract between union and firm. It has just been renewed for two years more.

"The secret of the whole thing was the British approach—no bluster, no cajoling, no threatening, and no pleading."

"When labour here gets a rise it expects the industry to cut costs to meet it. British labour union negotiators are much better trained and more experienced."

Mr Hubbard has brought over his wife and two children.

—(London Express Service.)

With British "know-how" in industrial relations, he has transformed in three years the Norma Hoffman Bearings Corporation of Stamford, Connecticut.

The company were torn by bitter labour-management strife. Profits fell in 1948 to some 30,000 dollars, from a quarter of a million a year earlier.

Today, thanks to the man from Chelmsford, all that has been changed.

At the coming annual meeting, the firm's president, 50-year-old William L. Hubbard who came out from Essex late in 1948, will be able to report a record profit, a new factory nearing completion, the working force in process of being doubled and a multi-million-dollar backlog of orders on hand sufficient to keep the enlarged plant busy for two years.

RESULTS WATCHED
Mr Hubbard came from the Hoffman Manufacturing Company of Chelmsford, owners of a majority of the stock in the Norma Hoffman Company on this side.

With him he brought British notions of labour-management relations and has "made them slick." Industrialists all over the U.S. are watching his results with envy.

Europe is waiting for The Spitfire Touch

By HUGH DUNDAS

ON a fighter airfield at Rheims, in France, senior British, French, and U.S. Air Force officers lined up with politicians and diplomats to join in a ceremony—and underline a trend.

The ceremony was the presentation of 12 American Thunderjet fighter planes, which U.S. Ambassador David Bruce gave to the French Air Force "as an earnest of contributions to come."

The trend was for the favour of European countries to swing away from British-built planes and towards the latest U.S. types.

One can either rejoice to hear that the smaller countries of the Atlantic Pact are getting first-class jet fighters from America, or one can grieve to hear that, in spite of long-standing contracts to build fighters of British design, our Continental neighbours are falling over themselves to get U.S. planes.

I FIRST noted the trend in Italy. I have been there to see how the Italian factories—potentially the biggest aeroplane and engine producers in Eisenhower's alliance—are getting on with their job of building de Havilland Vampires, Venoms, and Ghost engines for the Allied air forces.

They are getting on with it very slowly.

Though the Vampire contract was signed in 1949, not one plane has yet been built. The Venom and Ghost programme is similarly delayed.

Of course, the Italians are short of money and raw materials. But they are even shorter of something more important: enthusiasm for British aircraft.

That, my inquiries show, is something they share with the rest of Europe.

No one but the Air Minister pretends that Vampires are anything but obsolescent, or that Venoms, versatile though they are, can be accepted as fighters of the future.

And so, while the foreign factories prepare lethargically to build these British planes,

all eyes are turned to America's armoury of the air.

"Shooting Star" "Thunderjet," "Sabre"—these are household words on the Continent; they carry the mantle of glamour and efficiency which once was worn by the British Spitfire and Mosquito.

In Italy, certainly, I found that the man-in-the-street looks blank at the words Vampire or Venom. Say "Thunderjet," and his eyes light up, his arms gesticulate enthusiastically.

THE trend is carefully veiled by Atlantic Pact officials. But scratch a little below the surface and you soon find that the deep-set longing for American fighters is backed by a still unofficial, but very high level, plan to build Thunderjets or Sabres in factories which could be opened up in Central Italy and Sardinia.

This means more than a blow to British prestige.

IT MEANS muddle in the West, for mixed equipment is inefficient equipment, particularly when the air forces of neighbour countries rely on each other for mutual support.

IT MEANS waste of effort, for while the planners, with their Venom programmes, are pulling in one direction, the enthusiasts, with their dreams of Thunderjets and swept-wing Sabres, are pulling in another.

AND IT MEANS that the rest of Europe has clearly understood something which Britain's Air Minister has stubbornly refused to believe: that our straight-wing Venom is not a match for any of the swept-wing challengers, Russian or American, which can reasonably be expected to appear in the future.

WHAT a calamity it all is. Here we are, with the world's most powerful jet engine (running in a workshop), the finest fighter prototypes (the Swift, for example, seen only at air displays), and the designers who built the Spitfire and the Hurricane, the Typhoon, and the Tempest. But as the Italians and the French know well, ideas need wings. Swept-wings for choice and plenty of them—IN THE AIR.

—(London Express Service.)

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THREE BRITISH BOXING CHAMPIONS WILL BE

FIGHTING TONIGHT



Heavyweight Champion Jack Gardner, who will take on Cesar Brion of the Argentine.

London, June 4. Three British boxing champions, Jack Gardner (heavyweight), Don Cockell (light heavyweight) and Randolph Turpin (middleweight), will be in action on the open-air programme at the White City Stadium, London, tomorrow night.

Jack Gardner, the holder of the British, British Empire and European titles, may have the hardest task against Cesar Brion, the smart Argentine heavyweight.

Brion does not appear to carry much punching power, but he displayed a snappy left hook in training. He may give Gardner trouble in the early rounds, but the British Champion, with a stone advantage in weight, should wear him down. Cockell, who has been very active and has improved in every fight since winning his title, may punch too hard and often for Nick Barone, one of the two Americans on the bill. Barone looks tough, but in the gymnasium he has not shown anything likely to cause Cockell much difficulty.

Randolph Turpin, hard-hitting middleweight Champion, may have the easiest win of all against an American importation, Jackie Keogh. The latter looks lively enough in training but appears too frail to stand up to Turpin's rib-cracking punches. — Reuter.



Light-heavyweight Champion Don Cockell, who meets Nick Barone of the United States.

OXFORD HAVE THREE POTENTIAL OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS IN 1952

Says ARCHIE QUICK

It was quite an experience to sit in a coffee shop of Oxford's famous High Street and stroll along the river-walk of Magdalen College with three athletes who are all potential winners of Olympic honours at the Helsinki Games next year.

There I was with deep-thinking Roger Bannister, destined to be a doctor, whimsical Nick Stacey, who is to become a clergyman, and cheery Chris Chataway, one day to be a schoolmaster—all of whom may write their names on the scroll of athletic fame.

Bannister, already assured of his place in the halls of the illustrious, if only because of

his shattering win in the United States against America's best, takes life seriously. He is "down" from the University but is staying on for medical research before going to St. Mary's Hospital, like that other great runner before him, Jack Lovelock.

Inter-School Basketball

The Hongkong Inter-School basketball competition, commenced at the Southern Basketball Court, Wanchai, last night. Results were as follows:

La Salle beat G.V.M.S. 34-40-25; Wah Yan P.M. beat Yau-mat A.M. 41-18; St. Paul's beat N.T.C. 36-13.

Matches for tomorrow are: G.V.M.S. "A" vs K.C. Primary; E.K.S.A.M. vs St. Francis; Wah Yan A.M. vs Yung Wah Wah Yan (Kowloon) vs Yau-mat P.M.

The competition will continue on June 7, 8 and 10 with the final on June 12 at 8 p.m.

There will be a small charge for admission each night and it is hoped that the proceeds will help in a small way the good work being done at the Centre.

The Hon. D. Benson will officially open the Wanchai War Memorial Centre's newly reconstructed indoor basketball court to-night.

To mark the occasion three games will be played, beginning at 7.30 p.m. The games are: Set Ying Athletic Association vs. Nam Kwok; South China Girls vs. Chi Lik Girls; and Li Hut v. Chi Lik "A".

MANILA TEAM

Mr C. Y. Tung, manager of Manila's all-Chinese Eteng Basketball team, arrived from Manila by BOAC yesterday.

The team will not arrive here until June 12, according to Mr Tung.

Australians Win Doubles Title In French Tourney

Paris, June 4. The top Australian team, Frank Sedgman and Ken McGregor, beat the Americans, Dick Savitt and Gardner Mulloy, today to win the Men's Doubles crown of the French International Tennis Championships. The score was, 6-2, 2-6, 6-7, 7-5.

Miss Doris Hart (US) and Frank Sedgman (Australia) won the Mixed Doubles title by defeating Mervyn Rose (Australia) and his compatriot, Miss Thelma Long, 7-5, 6-2.

Dave Sands May Fight Maxim

Sydney, June 4. Tom Maguire, trainer of the British Empire Middleweight Champion, Dave Sands, said today that the Australian might be matched with Joey Maxim if he does well in England.

Maguire said that nothing definite had yet materialised, but he understood that Jack Bolomus had plans for such a match. Sands leaves for England this month to defend his title against Randolph Turpin.

United Press.

LAWN BOWLS TEAMS

The following are Club teams selected for League lawn bowls matches tomorrow and on Saturday:

KDC
Kowloon Dock Club—1st Division v. CCC (away) 5.15 p.m. to-morrow; C.F. Cullinane, A. McInnes, W.N. Davidson, and J. Pearson; 2nd Division v. W.L. McCull, W.J. Marshall, and R.S. Gourlay; A.H. MacCall and J. Fraser.

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Club de Recoletos
Club de Recoletos will be engaged in the following fixtures during this week: Saturday, June 2, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Sunday, June 3, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Monday, June 4, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Tuesday, June 5, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Wednesday, June 6, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Thursday, June 7, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Friday, June 8, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Saturday, June 9, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Sunday, June 10, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Monday, June 11, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Tuesday, June 12, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Wednesday, June 13, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Thursday, June 14, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Friday, June 15, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Saturday, June 16, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Sunday, June 17, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Monday, June 18, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Tuesday, June 19, 1st Division v. "Blue" (home); Wednesday, June 20, 1st Division v. 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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Busy Bats Blast Pitchers Silly

New York, June 4.

Busy bats blasted pitchers silly around the Major Leagues today. For example, Stan Musial hit two consecutive home runs and a single to give Cardinals a 7-2 victory over Giants.

Johnny Groth hit three singles — the third with bases loaded in the ninth inning — to give Tigers a 6-5 triumph over Senators.

Gus Bell slammed a single, double, triple and home run as Pirates pounded four Phillies pitchers for a 12-4 decision.

Cincinnati, trailing 7-0 after seven innings, made it 7-3 on Connie Ryan's three-run homer in the eighth and scored seven more runs in the ninth to beat Braves 10-7.

In all, there were 11 home runs hit in four day games played. Musial's busy in New York hoisted his batting average to .350 as rookie John Presko scored his fourth straight victory and his fifth of the season.

Del Rice homered and ex-Yankee Billy Johnston got three singles and a triple.

Musial's first homer with none on sent the Cards into the lead in the fourth inning and they never fell behind as they handed Larry Jansen his fifth loss of the year.

George Matkovich walked to fill the bases and Rocky Nelson sent them all home with a triple. Nelson then scored on Ralph Kiner's single.

Bell walked and Kiner scored on Wally Westlake's single before George Strickland grounded out to end the inning.

Groth drove in the winning run at Detroit to clinch a two-run outburst in the final inning. Tigers trailed 5-4 from the third inning on, when pinch-hitter Joe Ginsberg walked, moved to second on a sacrifice and scored on George Kell's single. Vice Wertz and Pat Mullin walked to fill the bases and Groth singled. — United Press.

New York, June 4.

Major League baseball scores today were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Pittsburgh	12	17	0
Philadelphia	4	12	3
Winning pitcher: Friend, loser: Russ Meyer.			
St. Louis	7	12	2
New York	2	8	1
Winning pitcher: Joe Presko, loser: Larry Jansen.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Washington	5	7	0
Detroit	0	9	1
Winning pitcher: Hal Newhouser, loser: Sandalia Consuegra.			

Boston at Chicago, double-header, Philadelphia at St. Louis, and New York at Cleveland games are all night games. — Associated Press.

CINCINNATI'S SWEEP

Cincinnati completed a sweep of its three-game series at Boston with a late drive as 12 Reds batted in the last inning. Five got hits and four walked off the quartet of pitchers which the Braves paraded in pitiful fashion into the slaughter. Grady Hatton's double drove in three of the runs during the big ninth.

Pirates' triumph snapped an eight-game losing streak. Pirates got 17 hits and Phils 12, including homers by Ricie Ashburn and Gran Hamner.

Pittsburgh's biggest split came in the eighth with two out. Murry Dickson singled and so did Henry Schenz.

IT WOULD BE A BATTLE ROYAL

Says RAYMOND GLENDENNING

Promoter Jack Solomons had a satisfied smile when he told me he'd completed his "all-star" bill for the White City show on June 5 by matching ex-ABA lightweight champion George Walker with Frank Raven, from the Turpin stable, for his first professional fight. The smile broadened when he added, "All the seats have gone, too!"

"I rather liked his story of the lady who met him in the street with the news that she'd got two tickets as a special treat for her husband and herself. They'd never been to a boxing match before. 'Who,' she asked, 'are fighting?'"

Jack, thinking she wouldn't know any of the Americans, replied, "Oh, Gardner, Cockell and Turpin."

You should have seen his face when she came back with, "Now isn't that interesting? I always thought they only allowed two boxers in the ring at the same time."

A lone ring of cigar smoke still hovers over that part of Windmill Street.

OUR COME-BACK

"Everything in this garden's lovely." Yes, that's the sort of thing I've been hearing about British sport wherever I've gone lately.

AAA team manager Jack Crump is extremely optimistic — and rightly so — about the performances of Bannister, Wint and his other boys — about the athletic season.

We've beaten France in the Davis Cup, and just before that we'd finished off the foreigners in a real festival of football.

Only question that bothers me is how long will it last?

Personally, I think our come-back — and a fighting one at that — is here to stay. I base that on the outlook of three of our prominent sportsmen.

Anyone who saw 21-year-old Paddy Roberts collar the elegant and experienced Bernard Desbroux and make him fight for his life to avoid defeat in the vital fifth set at Wimbledon will understand what I mean.

So, too, if you had chatted to Denis Compton. After a poor Australian trip, his first six innings this season have yielded 608 runs.

Next I'd like you to hear what Dai Rees has to say. Across the golf world stretches the shadow of the South African colossus, Arthur Locke.

Rees acknowledges his greatness, but, as I saw for myself at South Heris, he's building up by careful preparation his Open Championship bid.

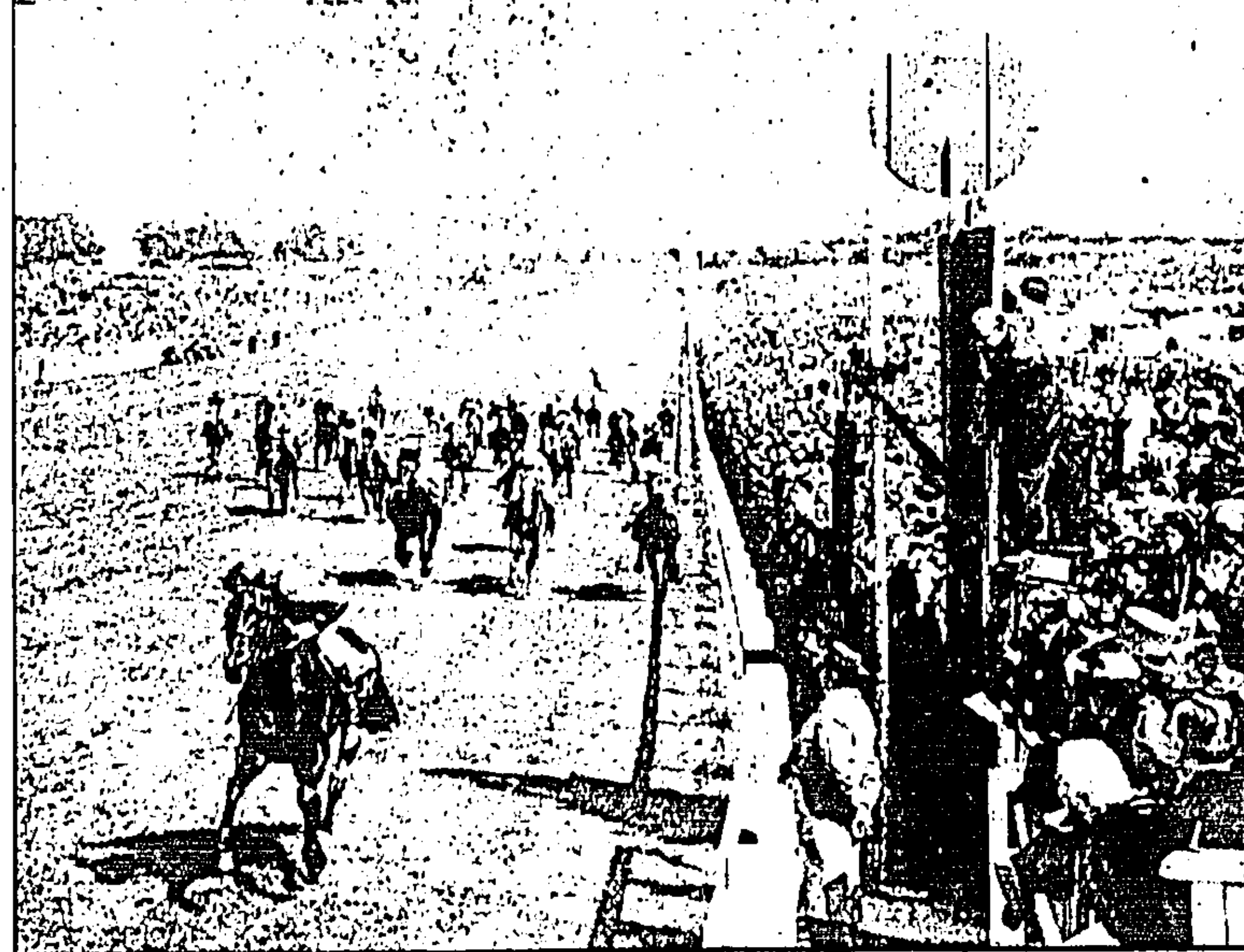
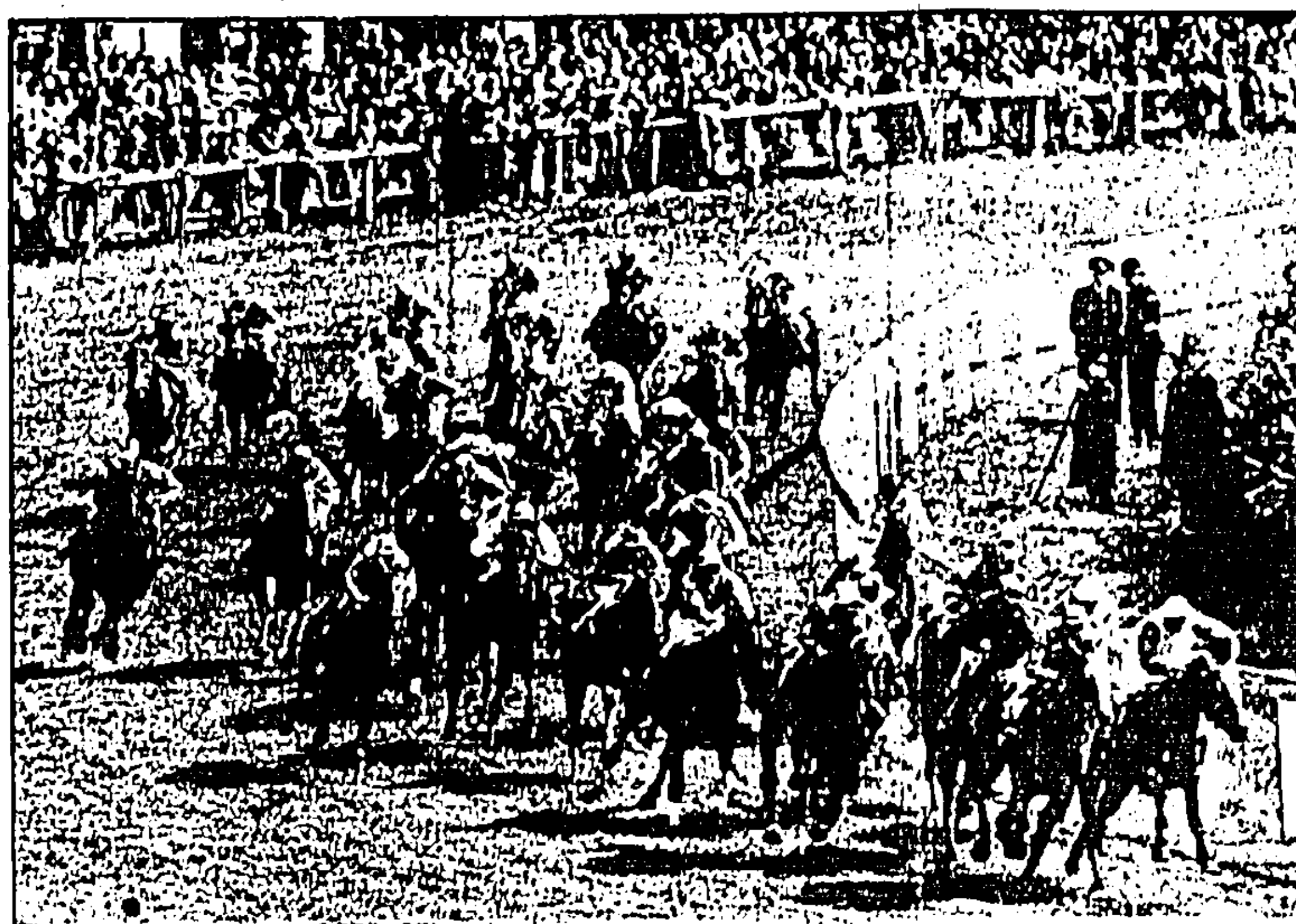
Gremlins' Team

The following have been selected to represent Gremlins against the 33rd General Hospital on Friday at Shamshulpo at 6 p.m.:

Mr. Muir: L. Warming, R. Read, M. Elliott, H. Fowler, P. James, A. Moran, N. Simmons, S. Groundwater, M. Hodgkinson, Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Rouse, Mrs. Judge.

Any player unable to attend is requested to phone Mrs. Read. Transport will leave Star Ferry, Kowloon, at 5.30 p.m.

THE RICHEST DERBY IN HISTORY



The 172nd renewal of the Derby Stakes at Epsom had a value of £19,396 to the winner, the richest prize in the history of the race.

The picture above shows the field taking the famous Tattenham Corner. Mystery XI leads on the inside (right) with the winner, Arctic Prince, lying fourth on the rail.

Picture below shows Joe McGrath's Arctic Prince (C. Spares up) a 28-1 outsider, winning by six lengths. Second by a head was Sybil's Nephew and third was Signal Box. Tyrol was fourth.

SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

Warwickshire's West Indian Cricketer Beats The Colour Bar His Own Way

By DAVID JACK

Warwickshire's West Indian cricketer, Derief Taylor, is a disillusioned man. He came to England feeling that there was no such thing as racial discrimination here, but if you asked him today you would find he had changed his mind.

He has moved his lodgings on a number of occasions, and more than once has been forced out by the colour bar.

Now, with three coloured friends, he's taken a step which will mean he'll have no further worries in that direction. They bought a boarding establishment at Cannon Hill, near Edgbaston, for themselves. They're not taking in visitors.

Rulers of Soccer in England claim to be progressive — until they are called on to back new ideas. Perfectly sound schemes consistently proposed at Football League meetings are just as consistently squashed because hide-bound tradition abhors anything new. So it is with coaching, as Alex Wilson, inventor of that machine which could drop a ball on to a yard-square towel from 40 yards, will testify.

When Alex circularised 88 League clubs asking for their observations on his "robot footballer," he received just six replies — although a stamped addressed envelope was enclosed in every case. Yet when he demonstrated his machine to seven clubs, six of them signed cheques immediately. Alex is wondering if the secretaries of the 82 clubs who did not reply bothered to steam off his stamps for further use.

Wilson, incidentally, is busy these days as masseur to Kent cricket club and his most important patient is Test selector Leslie Ames, confined to bed for a fortnight with lumbago. Alex knows all about lumbago, having been stricken with it after showing the Brighton footballers how to "loosen-up" last season.

Kent deputy skipper T. Crawford apparently has ideas about introducing "Gorgeous George" to county cricket. When he appeared recently in a cardigan with brightly coloured piping down the front, all he needed was embroidered initials on the pocket.

Denis Compton's amazing form this season is enough to gladden the hearts of all British cricket fans, but the South Africans are wondering what they have done to deserve a dose of the "new" Denis.

Cracks Geoff Chubb: "Denis had a record-breaking season the last time the South Africans were here, then after falling against the West Indies and Australia, he has to pick on us for a repeat performance."

YOGI-TYPE

Worcester's Laddie Outshoorn is settling down well in the Midlands following Japanese prisoner-of-war work on the notorious Burma road. This Singapore batsman was sent to Kidderminster for demob after being released by the Japs, and was spotted playing for the local club by a Worcester committee member. Now he entertains his team-mates by performing Yogi-type exercises while standing on his hands.

Which was the better buy at the East Fife auction sale — Allan Brown to Blackpool (£27,000) or George Alken to Third Lanark (£10,000)? Doncaster Rovers' manager, Peter Doherty, is certain that the Scots club came off best and was prepared to back up his judgment by offering Alex Ritchie more than he paid East Fife with a player thrown in, but Third's manager tells me: "Alken is my best-ever signing. Why should I part?"

Trouble With Australian Soccer Rules

Sydney, June 4.

David Wiseman, manager of the Football Association touring team, said today that he might recommend to the FA that no more teams should be sent to Australia until the rules here were altered.

The Australian interpretation of the soccer rules did not provide adequate protection for his "valuable players," he declared.

Wiseman sharply criticised the referee, Mr. Strachan's interpretation of the game in Saturday's match against New South Wales which the FA won 3-1.

He also said that the "obscure" obstruction rule in Australia was unsatisfactory and declared that pitches were too hard. "Several of our players were badly obstructed against New South Wales on Saturday," he said. "They were not given a chance to show how the game should be played." He added that there was "too much illegal tackling" in Australia and that English clubs would not in future want to play here if they thought that there was a risk of their players being hurt. — Reuters.

THE SELECTORS DON'T HAVE MUCH OF A JOB PICKING THE FIRST SEVEN OR EIGHT

Says BILL EDRIKH

The last week-end was one of the most important week-ends of the whole of this cricket season. Especially for the top twenty players in the country. It was the week-end when the first England team was selected to meet South Africa at Trent Bridge — when, in fact, the England team pattern for the whole season was laid out.

Some of us, to say the least, awaited the decisions of the selectors with interest.

But enough of that. The slant of my commentary this week is to give you some idea of the task the selectors settled down to do when they met in their London hotel room on Sunday. Right away I am reminded of an old friend of mine — a former Australian Test star — who turned journalist and tried his hand at this business of picking a team instead of just playing in it.

Boldly he wrote "This is the team to beat England." and then proceeded to name eleven great players. He thought he had done a good job, and could not understand the leg-pulling of his friends the following morning.

Finally, he got the answer. He had picked a Test team without the key man — the wicket-keeper. In other words — with his mind running on batsmen and bowlers he had completely overlooked the vital man behind the stumps! Or, if you like it another way, he hadn't worked to any sort of plan at all.

But I can assure you the England selectors on Sunday did not make that mistake. They worked to a plan all right. The general procedure is for each selector to come to the meeting with his own idea of the best team for the job in hand. Starting from the greatest of all the specialist positions — the wicket-keeper — they each build up a balanced side of batsmen, bowlers and all-rounders.

SOME CERTAINTIES

Obviously seven or eight names are pretty certain to be on every selector's list and they are agreed upon at once. It is the remainder which takes up the time. For there are many points to consider. For instance, the style and quality of the opposition has to be taken into account. If they have a known or suspected weakness against spin or speed bowling, for instance, the attack is built accordingly.

And if any of our better batsmen are particularly strong against the best bowling of the opposition their selection is all the more certain. What is often overlooked, too, is the need to find specialists for key fielding positions. When the decision is close between one man or another for a certain place it is usual for the captain to have the final word. And a very pleasant thing that is, too.

WICKETS COUNT

From the point of view of the county player with "hopes" or "expectations" this first team — the most important — he is in, well, it is up to him to stay in — if he is not in two things must happen before he gets another chance. First of all he has to maintain top-top form. Secondly, the man who beats him for first selection has to fail.

It is often possible to do the one, but just as often very difficult to click for both. That is why I say Sunday was "D" Day for quite a number of our big name players.

Naturally, I cannot express an opinion about the England team at this time — it is not my place. But, having played against the South Africans, I can say that I feel fairly certain their main attack will fall upon young Cuan McCarthy (really fast), Geoff Chubb (a really good medium-fast swing bowler), and Norman Mann (left arm) and Clive van Ryndvelt (leg-breaks). In mentioning Chubb I am not at all impressed by the argument that he is now 40 and that he will be the oldest South African ever to get a first cap if he does get selection. He is still a good bowler, he has a glorious action and, off the field as well as on, has a magnificent sense of humour, too.

He can make the old ball "move" as well as the shiny new one and, as 50-year-old Tom Goddard has said so often — nobody ever asks to see a bowler's birth certificate when he finds his middle stump knocked out of the ground!

BAD LUCK FOR NOURSE

As for batting I fear that the experienced Nourse and Eric Rowan carry a heavy responsibility, and it is especially bad luck that Dudley Nourse should have had this broken thumb at this time. I know he will have some net practice before the Test, but in my opinion, hard and regular match practice is the only thing that really counts as a means of tuning up for the big occasion.

Best batting I have seen from an England player so far this season has been from Denis Compton. His knock on a bad wicket at Oxford was magnificent. I have also watched at close quarters Don Kenyon of Worcestershire and Jack Ikin of Lancashire, playing exceptional innings. The Lancashire pair — Malcolm Hilton and Roy

Tattersall — have been two of the most impressive bowlers. Forecast? I know it is never a good thing in cricket to anticipate a result, but for what it is worth I feel that England will win the Nottingham Test some time on the fourth day.

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Red Scientists' Claim

The Hague, June 4.
Three Russian scientists
claim to have used bacteria
for the discovery of oil
deposits. Dr. Claude Zobell,
of the Institute of Oceanography,
University of California,
Berkeley, said here today
that the Russians also claim
to be using bacterial pro-
cesses for the modification
of oil in certain refining
processes.

Speaking about his own
research into bacterial
activity as an aid in
explaining the origin of oil,
Dr. Zobell told the Third
World Petroleum Congress
that he had had close con-
tact with the three Russian
scientists, Tausen, Arrast-
chian and Teoko, before the
war—Reuter.

NOTICE

BANK HOLIDAYS

The Exchange Banks will
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H-BOMB WITHIN A YEAR?

New York, June 4.
A Washington news-
paper columnist today re-
ported that the United
States, as a result of the
recent Eniwetok atomic
tests, would be able to
build the hydrogen bomb
within a year.

Robert Allen, writing in the
New York Evening Post, said
that of three things positively
established at the tests, one
was that "the United States
knows how to construct a
hydrogen bomb. All doubts as
to the feasibility of that has
been dispelled. The catalytic
mic new weapon will be a
reality within a year."

Allen said that the most ter-
rific of a number of firings at
the tests "scorched to a black
clinder everything, including
rocks, in an area of ap-
proximately 25 square kilo-
metres.

"This indescribable blast," he
said, "was actually a double-
ender. First an atom bomb
was exploded, and the resulting
stupendous heat set off a layer
of tritium that encased the
atom bombs."

"One authority described this
combination explosion as the
most destructive ever wrought
by man"—Reuter.

Machine-Tools For Britain

London, June 4.
The United States Informa-
tion Service announced in
London today that Britain had
been authorised to spend \$12
million of American military aid
funds on American-made
machine tools.

These tools would be used to
produce such defence items as
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gines, tanks, guns and naval
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m.s. "CORFU"	6th July	7th August
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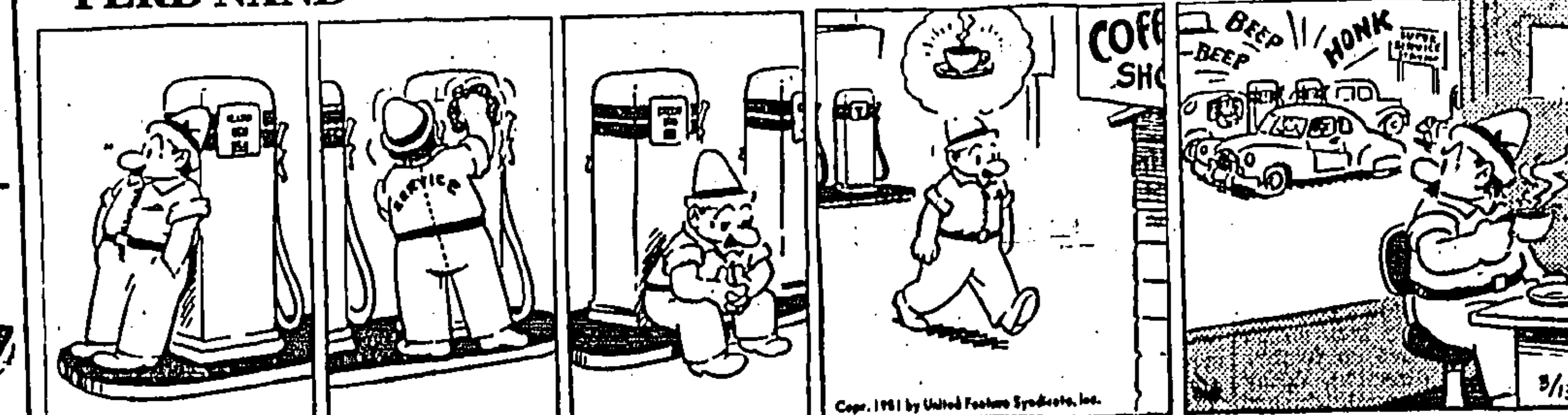
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Ex-Diplomat In Angry Court Scene

Bombay, June 4.
The trial of Don Manuel
Garretton, Chile's former Am-
bassador in Turkey, opened here
today before the Chief Presiden-
cy Magistrate, Oscar Brown.

With Garretton in the dock was
the French Marquess Guy de la
Passardiere. Both are accused
of smuggling 155 kilos of gold,
worth \$350,000, into India in
December, 1950.

Police produced 40 exhibits,
consisting of letters and tele-
grams, to prove an alleged con-
spiracy by which the gold was
smuggled from Bangkok in
diplomatic bags.

Garretton, who was on bail
and made a confession on May
29, created a scene in court,
protesting at the delay in the
trial. He thumped the table,
crying, "This postponement,
week to week, is contrary to
all human rights, I have never
seen such treatment else-
where."

The public prosecutor took
five hours to outline the police
case. The trial is likely to
last a week.—Associated Press.

Fight Against Locusts

Washington, June 4.
Five American planes will be
 flown to India on July 1 to help
repel an invasion of locusts
threatening food crops.

The U.S. State Department
said the planes, F4U Corsairs,
in F4U's, will spray insecticide
over a 75,000 square mile area
in Rajasthan Province and
neighbouring States in North-
west India.—Associated Press.

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Winding-up Petition Withdrawn By Applicant Parties Reach Agreement

A petition for winding-up of the Pacific Salvage Co., Ltd., of Queen's Building, which was adjourned sine die by Mr Justice Williams on August 26 last year, came before the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, at the Supreme Court this morning when application to withdraw the petition was granted.

Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr E. S. C. Brooks, appeared for the petitioner, Mr Rubin, and Mr P. R. Springall represented the Official Receiver.

Mr Wright, addressing the Court, said that his application

this morning was to withdraw the petition which was presented by Mr Rubin on July 21 last year. He also asked that the originating summons which was filed by the petitioner on November 4 last year be dismissed.

Recounting the history of the proceedings, Mr Wright said that his client, Mr Rubin, was a shareholder of the Pacific Salvage Company holding 375 shares and other shares were held either by Mollers Trust, Ltd. or their nominees. Last year various disputes arose between Rubin on the one hand and Mollers on the other. There was no question, said Counsel, of the Company not being able to meet its debts. The Company was completely solvent.

The disputes could not be settled and a petition for compulsory winding-up was drawn up by Mr Rubin. The other shareholders did not view this step with unqualified enthusiasm, said Mr Wright. A meeting was held and after some discussion it was decided that a resolution be passed for the voluntary winding-up.

On August 26 last year, Counsel applied before Mr Justice Williams for the petition to be adjourned sine die without prejudice to his client's right to proceed with the compulsory winding-up. Liquidators were appointed to deal with the accounts and there was some disagreement between Mr Rubin and the liquidators with regard to details of the accounts.

Mr Rubin took out an originating summons and this he was now applying to be dismissed. Further negotiations, said Counsel, followed and finally the whole matter was settled amicably. Mr Rubin transferred his 375 shares to Mollers Trust, Limited and in return received \$237,842.69 subject to his withdrawing the originating summons.

"There is no difficulty in this matter," added Mr Wright. "It is by consent and the parties agree and I don't think Mr Springall has any objection."

Mr Springall: I have no objection, my Lord.

Mr Wright: By consent and agreement I shall ask for no order as to costs.

His Lordship granted the application and dismissed the originating summons.

Ricksha Coolie Breaks Taxi Window

For breaking the rear window of a taxi, Leung Lam, 31-year-old ricksha puller, was ordered to pay compensation of \$26 by Mr Justice Williams yesterday.

According to the prosecution, at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday, a Chinese male Cheung Shui-chiu was conducting two American sailors on a sight-seeing tour. At Des Voeux Road Central near Wing Wo Street, they discussed whether they should take a taxi or ricksha. Defendant was standing by close to them waiting for their decision.

Then Cheung stopped a taxi and requested the two sailors to get in. On seeing that he was losing business, defendant started a quarrel with Cheung and when the taxi began to move away, defendant attempted to strike Cheung but in so doing he smashed the rear window of the taxi.

The High Court's ruling supported the Smith Act of 1940, under which the Communists were convicted in 1949. The Act makes it illegal to teach the overthrow of government by force or to organize any group for this purpose. — United Press.

Grave Economic Situation

Prague, June 4. Czechoslovakia's Communist economy is in a "desperate situation" and may fall to meet the Five-Year Plan targets, Josef Frank, Deputy Secretary-General of the Party, said in a speech published today.

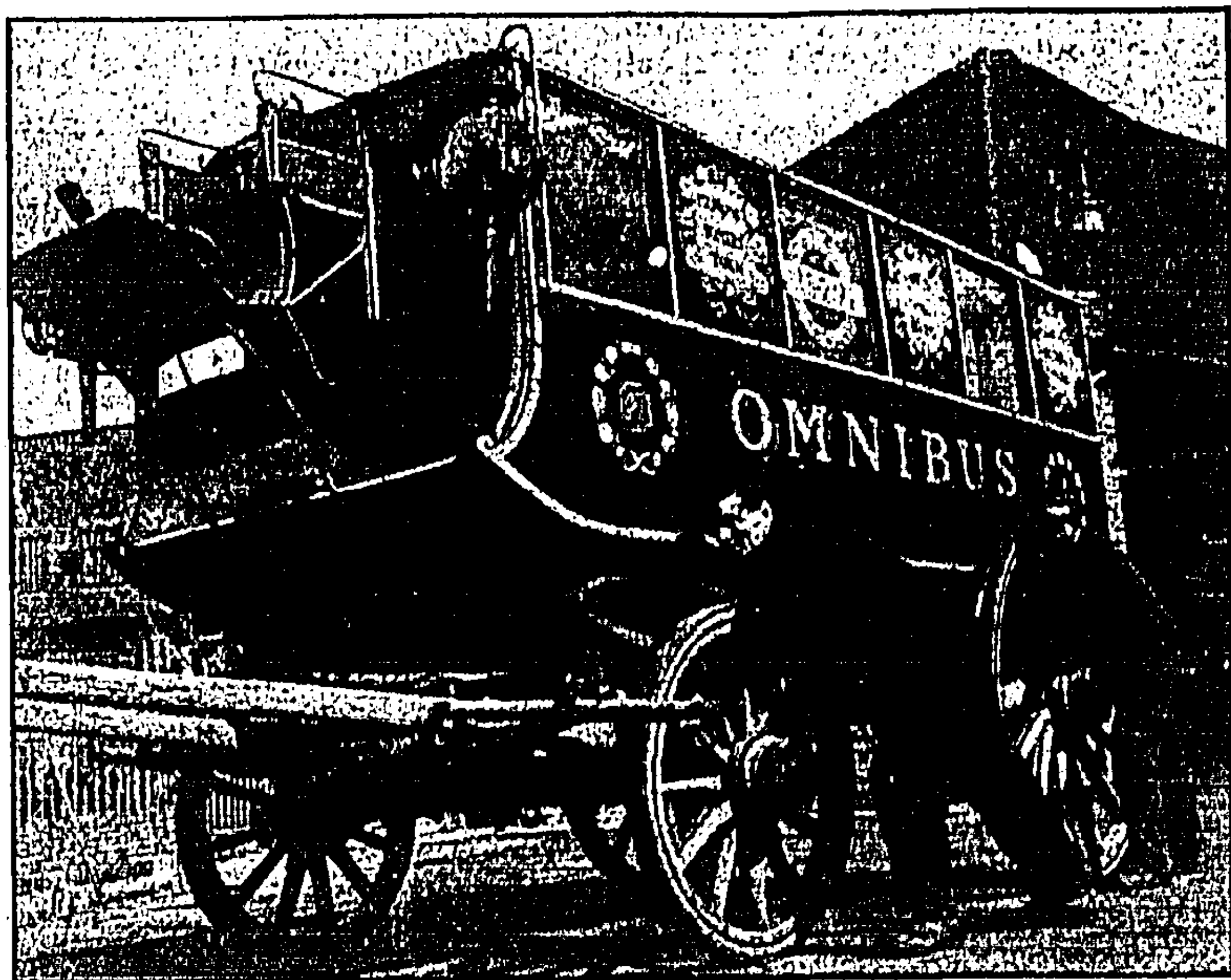
Speaking at a district Party conference in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia's most important industrial centre, Frank said, "The situation, instead of getting better, is getting worse."

He said coal and the production had reached only 84.5 per cent of the targets—a very serious situation. — United Press.

Man Charged With Grave Offence

Charged with raping a 23-year-old woman, Cheung Nui, at hut No. 81 Holy Cross Path, Shaukiwan, yesterday, Lam Hon, 36, mason, was remanded for three days in Police custody by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning. Det-Sub-inspector H. M. Day, is in charge of the case.

LONDON BUSES IN RETIREMENT



After their hard life on the London streets, a number of buses, ranging from the 1829 horse-drawn variety to more recent models, are spending their latter days in the peace of a museum for London buses in Reigate, Surrey. Picture shows the oldest inhabitant, a Shillibier horse bus of 1829, being taken out for an airing.

DR ARTHUR FUNG MURDER: JUDGE ORDERS RETRIAL

The Dr Fung Murder Trial in the Criminal Sessions took a dramatic turn this morning when the Trial Judge, Mr Justice Gould, ordered a retrial of the two men accused of the alleged crime.

His Lordship told the jury of six men and a woman that he had come to the conclusion that they must be discharged at this stage from returning any verdict on the indictment. The accused would be remanded in custody for retrial at the next Sessions. New Counsel would be assigned to each accused.

"I will not go into the reasons behind this step, and it is unfortunate that your time has been wasted," his Lordship continued. "But if I go into the facts and if they are published they might prejudice the accused in their new trial. You can rest assured that it is the only step I can take in the interests of justice, and from the point of view of the public and of the accused. You are therefore discharged from further attendance."

The two accused were Yuen So, 27, and Lau Wah, 22, casual coolies, and they were jointly indicted for the murder of Dr. Arthur Fung at 23, Castle Peak Road, on February 26 last.

Mr J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Inspector W. H. Summers. Mr V. L. J. D'Alten, on the instructions of Mr H. L. Kwan, appeared for the two accused.

It was alleged by the Prosecution that about 9 a.m. on February 26, two men, whom the Crown alleged were the accused, called at the residence of Dr Fung. One of them said he wanted medical treatment and Dr Fung attended to him in the waiting room. The other man went to the rear of the premises and producing a re-

volver ordered two amahs near the kitchen into the bedroom of Mrs Fung who was sick in bed. During the murder of Dr Fung were two nurses and an amah.

Dr Fung also was ordered into his wife's bedroom, where the alleged robbers demanded from the doctor the keys to the safe. Dr Fung led the armed man, whom the Crown alleged was first accused, to another room and shortly afterwards they returned, the former carrying a pair of trousers in his hands. As Dr Fung was apparently about to extract the keys from the trousers, the door bell rang. The man holding the gun turned towards the door and it was at this time that Dr Fung, seizing the opportunity, grabbed him from behind and a struggle ensued.

During the struggle the armed man raised his gun and a shot was fired. Dr Fung fell to the floor, wounded in the head.

The two men fled from the premises.

ARREST ON SHIP

Dr Fung was found badly wounded and was removed to Kowloon Hospital where he was operated upon by Professor Stock. He was later removed to Queen Mary Hospital where he died on March 5 as a result of fracture of the skull caused by a gunshot wound.

The accused were arrested on board the ss Kwangtung on April 6, when they arrived from Macao. The same morning, second accused, it was alleged, took the Police to a cubicle at an address in Tung Choi Street, where a basket containing two revolvers, was recovered. One of the revolvers was alleged to be the murder weapon.

In evidence the two accused denied they were present at Dr Fung's residence at the time the alleged robbery and murder occurred. They alleged also that statements, admitting the charge of murder, were taken from them by the Police under duress.

At the conclusion of their evidence yesterday, his Lordship sent the jury from the Court in order to make some observations on the evidence given. By this accused. After Counsel had expressed their views, the jury was recalled. His Lordship said that there seemed to be some difficulty. An unprecedented situation had arisen which might necessitate a retrial and the

Plaintiff Succeeds In Claim Guarantor To Pay US\$6,700

Judgment was given by the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, at the Supreme Court this morning for Cheng Yuen-shen, merchant, of 176 Wing Lok Street, West, first floor, who brought a claim for US\$6,700 against the China Industrial Bank of Hongkong Limited, of Telephone House, and Lam Har-ping, merchant, of 16, Connaught Road Central, first floor. The action involved a claim against an alleged guarantor of a loan.

Cheng, represented by Mr Brood A. Bernacchi, instructed by Wilkinson and Grist, claimed US\$6,700, or its equivalent in Hongkong dollars as money due under a Chinese borrowing note dated June 22, 1950, from the Bank to him, and the same amount from the second defendant under a guarantee in writing dated July 22, 1950, to secure the repayment of the principal sum under the borrowing note.

Second defendant was represented by Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Judgment had already been obtained by plaintiff against the Bank and the action before the Court was against second defendant only. Second defendant denied liability and claimed that the guarantee referred to was not under seal and had no consideration to support it. He further alleged the guarantee was in respect of an executed consideration, that was to say, a debt already incurred by the Bank, and was invalid.

Giving judgment this morning, his Lordship said that he had given much thought to the case and it was with some hesitation that he found on the facts that there was sufficient promise of a guarantee. He gave judgment for the plaintiff for the amount claimed and added he could not give a greater rate of exchange than the official rate.

His Lordship also awarded costs.

Student Brings Drug To Colony

A returned student from America, Wong Wing-ick, 28, who arrived on the President Cleveland, was fined \$500 by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning for possession of 400 bottles of penicillin and 800 bottles of streptomycin. The drugs were ordered to be confiscated.

Revenue Inspector Millington said that on June 2 a transportation agent was stopped when loading two personal luggage into a sampan from the ship. The owner of the luggage was absent and so the luggage were held. Two days later the defendant approached the authorities and claimed ownership of the luggage. When opened, it was found to contain the drugs.

The defendant produced a bill for the purchase in America of the drugs which amounted to the equivalent of \$3,900 Hongkong currency.

Wong pleaded that the medicines were for the use of his mother and wife, who were very sick.

Amah Accused Of Robbery

A 32-year-old amah, Wong Sui Hing, residing at hut No. 31 Homuntin, New Village, Kowloon, was remanded for three days in Police custody by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning on a charge of robbery.

Wong is alleged to have robbed Li Yuen-kin of a gold necklace chain, a jade bracelet, a pearl necklace, a platinum diamond ring and a gold wrist-watch at 380, Hennessy Road, first floor, on May 10.

Woman Fined \$500

A 30-year-old woman, Wong Sui Hing, was found in possession of 21 opium pipes and 24 pairs of prepared opium when the police raided No. 9, Wooning Street, early this morning.

She was fined \$500 by Mr Winter at Kowloon Court. The pipes and the opium were ordered to be confiscated.

Mail Notices

Registered articles and parcel mail close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below.

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